

Resolution before the Conservation Congress

Problem: Located in rapidly developing Walworth and Waukesha Counties, the Mukwonago River contains one of the most abundant and diverse fish populations of any stream in Wisconsin. In addition to a known population of at least 66 fish species, five of which are rare, threatened or endangered, the Mukwonago contains many unusual and rare clam species; and the only large bed of wild rice known to still exist in southeastern Wisconsin. This stream is faced with extensive urbanization that may result in a deterioration of this resource.

Whereas: Two citizen groups, the Fox River Partnership and The Mukwonago River Initiative, wish to formally ask the Conservation Congress to petition DNR to classify the Mukwonago River as an "Outstanding Water Resource", 110

Whereas: This action will afford a high level of protection to this unique resource. As we understand the rules, classifying the Mukwonago as an "Outstanding Water Resource", will not allow DNR to issue any permit lowering water quality in the Mukwonago River.

Whereas: This will not stop development of the watershed of the Mukwonago; but it will provide additional protection to this truly unique stream.

Whereas: The Mukwonago River Watershed is deserving of special consideration as an Outstanding Water Resource of statewide significance.

Be it resolved: That the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Waukesha County on April 10, 2006, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by formally classifying the Mukwonago River in it's entirety as an Outstanding Water Resource. 239

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